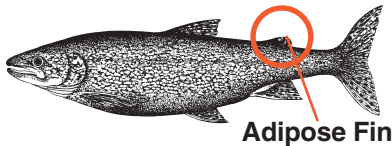


Marked and Tagged Fish

In evaluating fish stocks, the DNR often marks fish with a fin clip, external tag, or an internal tag. **If you catch one of these fish, please record the following information and notify the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (see p. 24): species, length, weight, sex (if possible), date and location caught, and fin clip or tag number. If releasing the fish, please do not remove the tag.**

Many Great Lakes trout/salmon have been marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin (see diagram). If you catch a trout or salmon with ONLY its adipose fin missing, that fish could have such a tag. Please record the information cited above, freeze only the head and take it to (or notify) the nearest Fisheries office. **Do not mail it!** Drop sites are listed on the DNR Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr or call 517-373-1280. Thank you for your assistance.



Adipose Fin